**Sale price of crude oil**

†3749. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sale price of crude oil produced in the country has been determined at par with the prevailing price of crude oil in the international market;

(b) if so, the respective price of existing crude oil being paid by oil refineries; and

(c) the reasons for keeping the sale price of crude oil produced in the country at par with the price of international market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (c) The Government have decided that with effect from 01.04.2002, the price of indegenous crude oil will be market determined.

(b) The prices paid by the oil refineries for the indigenous crude during March, 2002 varied in the range of Rs. 7042.30 per MT to Rs. 8509.14 per MT.

**Production of CNG**

†3750. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have estimated the annual quantity of CNG production in the country;

(b) if so, what is the quantum of production and the quantity of CNG out of the above distributed for use in different areas;

(c) whether it is also a fact that CNG is also being provided to many industrial institutions for their use; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if so, the names of those industrial institutions alongwith the respective quantity of CNG being provided to them and since when it is being provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) There is no production of CNG in the country. Natural Gas is compressed to high pressures of 200-250 bars to provided CNG.

(b) An allocation of 0.88 MMSCMD of natural gas has been made to Indraprastha Gas Limited in Delhi for CNG. In case of Mumbai, part of the allocation of 1.50 MMSCMD of natural gas to Mahanagar Gas Limited is for CNG.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) In view of (c) above does not arise.

**Self sufficiency in Oil and Gas**

3751. DR. A.K. PATEL:
SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the targets fixed to achieve self-sufficiency in the production of oil and gas during Ninth Plan Period has since been achieved;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to attain self sufficiency in the production of oil and gas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The targets set for production of crude oil and natural gas during the Ninth Plan Period were 180.71 million metric tonne (MMT) and 144.53 billion cubic metre (BCM), respectively. The actual achievements (provisional) in the said period are 162.95 MMT of oil and 141.47 BCM of gas.